

## PEACE JUSTICE MAY EARN \$2000

If His Fees Are More in a Year, Must Remit Excess; If Less, He Loses.

If anyone has an idea that it is all coming in and nothing going out with the justice of the peace, he is laboring under a great misconception.

A justice of the peace in Texas is entitled, under the law, to make \$2000 out of his fees. If he goes above that amount he has to turn in the excess fees. If he goes under, he is the loser. More than the limit has been collected in El Paso county, but not many times, and the vast majority of justices are not reaching the limit.

Many Cases Filled Never Develop.

One reason for this is that fully 25 percent of the complaints that are taken never develop. The causes are dismissed for lack of evidence, or the defendant has left the city prior to the complaint, or the complaint may be withdrawn. Then there are many services performed for which no fee is allowed, such as issuing search warrants, peace bonds, in misdemeanors where the fine is paid out of jail, and all civil cases unless the parties to the suit voluntarily pay a fee. In no juvenile case is a fee collected.

Justice Gets Percent of Fines.

What the justice of the peace really does get is five percent on all fines and forfeitures. If the grand jury bills a person charged with a felony the justice gets \$2 in misdemeanor cases he gets \$1.50 for a conviction. This includes spending cases and other violations of the laws governing automobiles. In this connection it is stated that there is only one conviction on an average out of six complaints filed for speeding. There are numerous arrests where there are extenuating circumstances. The driver is going for the doctor, or hurrying home with the sick, or a boy was driving the car. Perhaps the evidence is too slight to warrant a conviction. The average fee in civil cases is stated to be about 50 cents.

Receives Fees for Requests.

A justice of the peace receives \$2 for every request held, and he is entitled to such fees as he can collect in performing marriage ceremonies.

Not a small portion of a justice's time is spent in dealing out legal advice to the public. For this reason, as well as many others, he has not to be something of a lawyer. He is called upon every day in the year to pass upon complaints to determine whether there are just grounds for the complaint. He settles outside of court matters that should properly be made the subject of a civil suit by bringing the parties to the controversy together and in criminal matters he frequently closes the doors of the prison before an offender by bringing complainant and offender together. Not that he seeks to prevent the course of the law, but there are many trivial offenses where a kind heart will do more than jail punishment and society is the winner thereby. From which it may be seen that your J. P. is an important member of society and gives much of his time and attention to matters that pay him nothing.

## DRUGS, PICTURES CIGARS, ONE ROOF

Corporation to Run Three Businesses and Out Cost; Scenario Writers Union.

New York, May 24.—Standardized "movies," drugs and "movies" all under one roof in a chain of buildings throughout the United States are the latest dream of Wall Street financiers. The dream will soon be a reality if it finds work out well. Thomas P. Ryan and his group of capitalists are now in financial control of the new \$2,000,000 Vitaphone company, which has absorbed several picture companies and will soon take in others.

This same group controls the great American Tobacco company and the United Clear Stores company, two concerns which are not least on intimate terms. The Clear Stores company, in turn, now controls the Riker-Hugman and the Largest drug stores.

The object of the men behind the consolidation, or alliance, is to cut expenses and produce a service of recognized quality everywhere. Included in the expenses to be cut are \$100,000 a year salaries of movie stars. The story of movie salaries has gone on and on until now some of the producing companies are paying out so much in this way that they have hard work making both ends meet.

And along Broadway this news has a rival for public interest in the novel scheme of the movie writers to hold up the film producers for a "working wage."

The big scenario writers are members of the Authors' League of America. The proposal is to make this league a regular trade union and place it under the banner of the American Federation of Labor.

Then when the scenario writers can't get what they want from the producers they will not only bid their pens cease moving, but will call out cameramen, mechanics and other union help of the producers.

The scenario geniuses demand uniform contracts. They also think they ought to get at least 10 percent of the producer's profits. For instance, on a film netting the producer \$150,000, the author would get \$15,000, whereas he now receives only \$100 to \$1200.

But Winston Churchill, Theodore Roosevelt, Rudyard Kipling and other authors who are not scenario writers are also members. Mr. Churchill is president and Mr. Roosevelt is vice president of the league. Some of the writers of this class are expected to object to being unlimited wholesalers.

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## WALNUT GRAFTS PROVE SUCCESS

Native Stock in Mountains North of Here Growing Domestic Buds.

Seventy-one percent of the grafts placed upon the native walnut trees on the A. B. Fall ranch at Three Rivers, N. M., and sixty-one and a half percent of those placed upon the trees of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad upon the Bonito watershed, are living.

Investigations made this week by R. S. Trumbull, agricultural demonstrator, agent of the road, revealed this fact, notwithstanding that some of the



GRAFTS ON NATIVE WALNUT.

had been kept in cold storage for months before grafting. The grafts are of the English and French walnut, and they were made upon the native walnut stock in the region. In this method, the domestic nuts are grown upon trees already made hardy by years of adaptation to the soil and climate of this section. Mr. Trumbull believes that these walnuts will some day prove a big commercial factor in this section.

The grafting was done by Mr. Trumbull and C. R. Biederman, of Arizona, the pioneer walnut grower of the southwest. Some of the stock was taken from Mr. Biederman's trees near Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and some came from the best stock in California. All the Biederman stock came originally from France, near the foot of the Pyrenees, where the altitude is higher and the winds colder and longer than in New Mexico.

Most of the grafts were made by sawing off limbs two to four inches thick and placing the grafts around the limbs, under the bark, after which they were bound up and covered with a coating of wax to keep out the air. In one case a limb eight inches thick was sawed off and the graft placed around it. This limb is shown in the accompanying photograph, which indicates the method followed in all the grafting.

THE DALLAS NEWS URGES ALL EDITORS TO VISIT EL PASO

Hillbore Mirror: The erstwhile Ellis county pencil pusher, W. J. Bue, assures all editors that it will be perfectly safe to come to El Paso during the Press Association, saying that business is carried on between El Paso and Juarez just as freely as between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Any member of the Texas Press association who purposely fails or refuses to attend the forthcoming convention at El Paso will be reprimanded for cowardice. He will be convicted of having been afraid to go near Seneca, Villa, erstwhile stamping grounds. Besides, he may suspect of being indifferent to the companionship of his fellowcraftsmen, an accusation that no sensible editor could endure and live. Let every vacillating member bear in mind that the roll will be called hard by the Rio Grande, and every absentee put under the surveillance of Sam Harben's secret service sleuths. This is not a prediction. It is a threat.—Dallas News.

ONLY HALF A REGIMENT SAYS NEW MEXICO CAPTAIN

Albuquerque, N. M., May 24.—"We know that so far we have mobilized only one-half of a regiment at Columbus," said Capt. J. H. Toulouse, commanding company G, New Mexico national guard, who is here endeavoring to secure 20 recruits for the 1st Albuquerque company. "Down on the border we don't understand, can't understand, why our appeal for more men was not responded to. It may mean 20 days, or it may mean years, we do not know, but we do know that we are having difficulty in raising just one complete regiment of infantry, while other northern states have offered full recruited, fully equipped organizations. Shall we have to say that the citizenship of New Mexico was so far below par that we were unable to raise the necessary men to protect our own border from Mexican raids?"

JEFFRIES GETS TEN DAYS FOR RETURNING TO CITY

Because he just could not leave El Paso where morphine could readily be obtained, H. Jeffries was sentenced to serve out a ten day fine Tuesday afternoon in corporation court by Judge Paul D. Thomas. Jeffries, according to the testimony of secretary J. B. Gwin, of the Charity association, applied for assistance to get him to Corsicana, Texas, where his brother resides. A ticket was purchased for him by the association several days ago, and it was thought that he had taken the first train leaving El Paso. This he did, but alighted at Valera, Texas, and came back.

DR. C. C. YOUNG LEAVES FOR TRIP TO ASIA MINOR

Dr. C. C. Young, lecturer Russian traveler and owner of a ranch near Biles, in the El Paso valley, left Tuesday afternoon for Washington, D. C., from which city he expects to go to Asia Minor by way of Petrograd, Russia. Dr. Young said he will make the trip, which will require more than a year, to investigate the possibilities of importing to the southwest a herd of karakul sheep from Persia.

## PYTHIANS WILL DO THEIR DUTY

U. S. Will Never War For Conquest, But Must Prepare to Protect Itself

"This nation will never enter war for conquest, but it must be prepared to protect itself from conquest."

Thus spoke Brig. S. Young, supreme commander of the Knights of Pythias, at the reception given in his honor in the roof garden of Hotel Paso del Norte by local Pythians Tuesday night.

Mr. Young was discussing the uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias. He told how the uniform rank supplied 700 men during the Spanish-American war and declared that should the United States ever again engage in war Pythians would come forward and do their part towards the defense of the nation.

Great Need for Officers.

"They say we can raise 10,000,000 men," he continued. "Yes, and arm them with pitchforks. It is said that the cause of Great Britain's and Canada's great losses in the European war has been lack of officers to direct the 5,000,000 men they have placed in the field. Our own country faces the same problem. Should we raise an army of 10,000,000 men how could we possibly on short notice supply them with the men-

nations of war and with properly trained officers?"

Not Nation of Conquest.

Mr. Young showed how, in its dealings with Cuba and with China in the Boxer rebellion, and later in its dealings with Japan, the United States had demonstrated to the world that it was not a nation of conquest. In the Boxer rebellion, he stated, Russia, France, Great Britain and other nations demanded their indemnity and got it. "Then they asked the United States what would be our indemnity, and we said \$14,000,000, and it was paid," he continued. "And then Uncle Sam said, 'Take back your \$14,000,000; we do not want it. Use it to strengthen your nation.'"

McKinley Was a Pythian.

"Gentlemen, it was a Pythian who delivered that message to China. And it was a Pythian, William McKinley, who said in China, at the close of the Spanish-American war, 'There is freedom you have been fighting for,' and gave that nation over to its own keeping."

Mr. Young, by inference, voiced his disapproval of the present foreign policy with regard to Mexico and Europe. "We have commercialized our dealings with Mexico and Europe," he declared.

The speaker told of the work of the order and spoke at some length upon the insurance department, and at the close of his talk left for the union station, taking the Southern Pacific train at 10:30 for his home in Ada, Ok.

Dinner Guest of Lodge Men.

Earlier in the evening, Mr. Young was the guest of honor at a dinner at the Paso del Norte tendered him by U. S. Gown, recently elected grand chancellor of the grand lodge of Texas. Local Pythians at the luncheon included Joseph Dwyer, H. Y. Ellis, Judge Peyton F. Edwards, F. M. Piller, Dr. Caryl C. Hill, R. C. Walsh, John Dwyer, James Connors, J. C. Cohen, E. A. Wingo and R. A. Whitlock.



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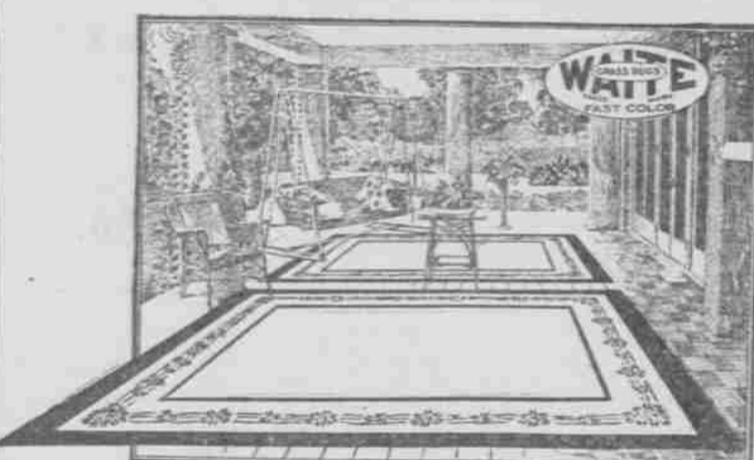
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